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Announcing the Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts, July 21-22, 2023

June 21, 2023/NEWTON, MA - Newton Community Pride (NCP) announces the 8th Annual Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts July 21-22, 2023 at the Hyde Playground in Newton Highlands. All festival performances are free, accessible, and open for all to enjoy.

Now in its 8th year, the Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts spans many facets of arts and culture including several genres of music from bluegrass to baroque, soul to funk and pop to jazz. The festival has served as a catalyst for the cultural life in the city since 2015 and a showcase for local and regional talent. *"This year's festival is bigger and better than ever. We are excited to expand our offerings of free live music and family programming on alternating stages all day and include a live mural painting, an arts market, and opportunity to cool down with the Kona Ice Truck and a beer and wine area for the adults on Saturday afternoon", stated Blair Lesser Sullivan, Executive Director of NCP. "There is something for everyone to enjoy!" added Lesser Sullivan. "We are very excited to once again bring the Festival of the Arts to Newton and bring the community together to share in the joy live music and the arts can bring", added Gloria Gavis, Chair of the NCP Board of Directors.*

The 8th annual Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts is produced by Newton resident, Christopher Pitts, presented by The Village Bank and supported by local businesses, individual donations, and community grant support from the Newton Cultural Council and Eversource.

Newton Community Pride is a 501c3 non-profit, building community pride through arts and culture programming, public art, beautification projects and volunteerism. For more information and list of performers www.newtoncommunitypride.org/FOA

Highlights – 8th Annual Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts

Friday, July 21, 2023 - Opening Night 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

- New Phil Orchestra Pops Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo followed by the movie *ET*

Saturday, July 22, 2023 - 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

- 2 Alternating performance stages at the Hyde Playground in Newton Highlands.
- Live Mural Painting
- Pop Up Arts Market
- Beer/Wine Area, 4-8pm
- Kona Ice Truck
- Cereal Drive for Newton Food Pantry and Centre Street Food Pantry

Some Performance Highlights

New Philharmonia Pops Concert with Kemp Harris

Friday, July 21, 6:30pm, Hyde Playground

Newton Community Pride welcomes [New Philharmonia Orchestra](#) and special guest, [Kemp Harris](#) for a fun Pops Concert, followed by an Instrument Petting Zoo!

Peter Cannizzario

Saturday, July 22, 12pm, Hyde Playground

Join in on some juggling & family fun with [Peter Cannizzario](#)!

Outrageous Fortune

Saturday, July 22 at 1pm, Hyde Playground

[Outrageous Fortune](#) is a Boston-based acoustic vintage jazz and blues trio. Join us at 1pm to jam out to this Bluegrass/Jug Band!

P.J. Adamson & Friends of Steel

Saturday, July 22 at 4pm, Hyde Playground

[P.J. Adamson](#) is credited as one of the pioneers in integrating the steel pan with conventional instruments. P.J.'s musical compositions fuse rhythms of the Caribbean with other musical genres, including jazz, classical, rhythms and blues, hip hop, and more!

Tema Siegel and Couch

Saturday, July 22 at 8pm, Hyde Playground

Newton's own [Tema Siegel](#) and her rising star band, Couch is back in town. After touring throughout the country NCP is lucky that she has time to make a stop at our Festival.

